In pursuance of the provisions contained in the Act, the State Government of Bihar has specified Special Courts in every district of the State for speedy disposal of atrocity cases.

Financial assistance of Rs. 9.95 lakhs on matching basis was also released to the State Government of Bihar during 1991-92 for effective implementation of the Act.

The above shows that the Union Government are taking all steps to ensure that SC and ST (Prevention of atrocities) Act, 1989 is implemented in letter and spirit by all states including Bihar.

Handicapped persons registered with Employment Exchanges

1981. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of handicapped persons registered at present with the Employment Exchanges, State-wise; and

(b) the number of handicapped persons given employment during the last three years, state-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) The information is laid on the table of the House as statement.

Statement

Handicapped persons registered with Employment Exchanges

S. No.	Name of State/UTs	Number of Placements of handicapped			Number of handicapped on Live-Register as on 31-12-91
		1989	1990	1991	
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andhra Pradesh	265	166	235	41719
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	5
3.	Assam	46	6	7	3466
4.	Bihar	10	33	58	14618
5.	Goa	10	8	8	445
6.	Gujarat	394	507	367	11579
7.	Haryana	94	57	117	6680
8.	Himachal Pradesh	25	36	28	3459
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	4	1	1	695
10.	Karnataka	188	131	215	15507
11.	Kerala	548	527	502	24675
12.	Madhya Pradesh	162	339	293	16401
13.	Maharashtra	339	415	587	21084
14.	Manipur	—	—	—	1144
15.	Meghalaya	1	4	2	84
16.	Mizoram	—	—	—	63
17.	Nagaland	1	—	—	49
18.	Orissa	102	139	88	11414
19.	Punjab	125	104	124	8577
20.	Rajasthan	138	78	331	13806
21.	Sikkim*	—	—	—	—
22.	Tamil Nadu	894	957	1236	40629
23.	Tripura	3	3	3	2023
24.	Uttar Pradesh	136	90	144	27389
25.	West Bengal	195	154	108	40867

1	2	3	4	5	6
	UNION TERRITORIES				
26.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	32	15	4	152
27.	Chandigarh . . .	45	31	37	713
28.	Dadar Nagar Haveli . .	—	—	—	24
29.	Delhi . . .	167	130	101	5007
30.	Daman and Diu* . . .	—	—	—	18
31.	Lakshadweep . . .	—	—	—	34
32.	Pondicherry . . .	25	8	3	1067
	Total:	3949	3939	4599	313393

Note :—*No Employment Exchanges is functioning in the State/Union Territories.

Implementation of Mandal Commission Recommendations

1982. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Supreme Courts' recent decision on implementation of Mandal Commission recommendations regarding reservation has given rise to many important issues; and

(b) if so, what attitude Government have adopted in this regard and what are the details of initiatives taken so far towards implementing main recommendations of the Commission as also the policy adopted by Government towards protect against it ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has welcomed the Supreme Court majority judgement of 16-11-92, whereby it has upheld the principle that 27% of the vacancies in civil posts and services could be reserved for the Backward Classes.

The Court has declared that the reservation of 10% of the posts in favour of Other Economically Backward Sections of the people, who are not covered by any of the existing schemes of reservation is constitutionally invalid. Government will examine the full implications of this verdict and in this process consult all political parties.

The Supreme Court and issued inter alia the following directions to the Government of India in this judgement :

(i) to constitute, within a period of 4 months, a permanent body for entertaining, examining and recommending upon requests, for inclusion, and complaints of over-inclusion, and under-inclusion in the lists of Other Backward Classes of citizens;

(ii) to specify, within a period of 4 months, the basis applying the relevant and requisite socio-economic criteria to exclude socially advanced persons/sections ('creamy layer') from other backward classes.

Action for compliance with these directions has already been initiated.

Government is also keeping a watch over the responses to the Supreme Court judgement from various quarters and would take appropriate action as deemed necessary.

National SC/ST Financial Development Corporation

1983. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set up National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation to make special efforts to extend financial support for various industrial ventures to the members of these communities;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes currently in operation and the financial dis-